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Between 5 and 10 July 1954, the following observations were made in the 4 vehicle sheds of Unit Dronov in the Fridericus Kaserne (2205) in Neuruppin: 25X1

On 8 July, 30 SU-100 guns \_\_\_\_\_ were seen in bays Nos 1 through 10 in shed No 1. Bays Nos 11 through 13 were vacant. Another 2 canvas-covered SU-100 guns were seen on the north side of shed No 2 and SU gun \_\_\_\_\_ was seen on the north side of shed No 4. Between 5 July and noon on 8 July, the SP guns in shed No 1 were being serviced. In the morning on 8 July, all SP guns in the shed were provided with ammunition and were filled. After that, all doors of the shed were locked and sealed. 25X1

At about 1100 on 10 July, some 120 soldiers in coveralls were lined up in front of the shed. They apparently received ammunition for pistols and ration supplies. At about 1110, a general arrived at the shed and inspected the soldiers. Subsequently the sealed doors of the shed were opened and the general inspected the SP guns in the bays. It was the impression that the unit would soon leave for a major exercise. Seven six-wheel armored personnel carriers were seen in bays Nos 1 through 4 of shed No 2 and another 3 six-wheel armored personnel carriers were seen in front of the shed. Eight T-34/85 tanks \_\_\_\_\_ were seen in bays Nos 5 through 12. Bays Nos 13 and 14 were vacant and bay No 15 was occupied by 6 field kitchens. T-34/85 tanks \_\_\_\_\_ were in bays Nos 1 through 14 in shed No 3 and T-34/85 tanks \_\_\_\_\_ 25X1

Comment. According to previous information, tank units of the 12th Gds Tank Div from Neuruppin transferred to the Doeberitz troop training grounds in 3 shipments, probably for firing practices. 25X1

Since Lieutenant Colonel Dronov is supply officer with the 49th Gds Tank Regt of the 12th Gds Tank Div and according to SP gun numbers, it is believed that a unit of the abovementioned regiment prepared its departure, and probably left on the same day. 25X1

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